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Whooping cough; Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), 29 ds.; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL, or as *probably* such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drowning; Struck by railway train—accident; Revolver wound of head—homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide*. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., *sepsis, tetanus*) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

PLACE OF DEATH

County _____
 Township _____
 Village _____
 City St. Louis (NO. 1545)

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RE-
 CEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES
 UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS
 PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Registration District No. 791 File No. _____
 Primary Registration District No. 1003 Registered No. 495-0
 St. 6 Ward _____

(If death occurred in a
 hospital or institution,
 give its NAME instead
 of street and number.)

FULL NAME

Paul S. Tanner

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX	COLOR OR RACE	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
Satisfactory Information Supplied.		
DATE OF BIRTH		
Satisfactory Information Supplied.		
AGE		
Satisfactory Information Supplied.		
OCCUPATION		
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work		
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		
BIRTHPLACE		
(City or town, State or foreign country)		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	

SUPPLEMENTARY

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH:

DATE OF DEATH	<u>5</u> <u>28</u> 191 <u>3</u>
(Month)	(Day) (Year)
I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____.	
that I last saw him alive on _____, 191____.	
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.	
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:	
<u>Acute Granulation</u>	
<u>Marasmus</u>	
Contributory	<u>Congenital Debility</u>
(SECONDARY)	
(Signed)	<u>W. B. Drury</u> M. D.
<u>5-28</u> 191 <u>3</u>	(Address) <u>241 S. Jefferson</u>
*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from violent causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS):	
At place of death	In the State
yrs. mos. ds.	yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?	
Former or usual residence	

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Satisfactory Information Supplied.
 (ADDRESS) _____
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PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Satisfactory Information
 DATE OF BURIAL _____ 191____
 UNDERTAKER: _____ ADDRESS Supplied.

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